

Thought for
To-day

"There's many a slip twixt
the cup and the lip."

WORONI

DON'T FORGET
AUTONOMY
WE WANT IT

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WHAT LIES AHEAD . . . AUTONOMY?

With the end of lectures for 1959 in sight students are appalled to see no definite arrangements yet made for 1960.

At this stage it appears that C.U.C. will continue to muddle along next year.

Every student is aware that to-day is the occasion for the laying of the foundation stone of the new Arts building.

However, this ceremony not only sees the laying of a foundation stone but also the commencement of the building of a new university.

When the Prime Minister lays the foundation stone this afternoon he will be carrying out an important but superficial ceremony. For regardless of any stone laying ritual the buildings will grow.

Announcement?

Students see the occasion as more than a stone-laying ceremony. They see it as an opportunity for the Prime Minister to make an announcement regarding the future of the College.

Those who will be continuing next year to face a future veiled by the procrastinations of Parliament. (Before he left for his tour abroad the Prime Minister said that upon his return the future of the C.U.C. would be settled).

As this paper goes to press the students still remain ignorant of their future.

College authorities also claim to be "in the dark" as to the future. If such is the case, then the arrangements for the future must surely be stifled by the lack of information.

It is generally believed that a decision has been made. However, this has not been verified.

Should this be true, then there is cause for expectancy this afternoon.

OLD NEWS

The recently concluded Royal Visit saw the C.U.C. rise from its slumber and actually stage a rag. Even more startling was the fact that the rag was a success.

A familiar "sports car," escorted by motor cyclists drove the "Princess" (Stella Orr) through Civic Centre to the delight of the crowd. A celery planted ceremony was enacted before the "Princess" departed. Neither the Queen nor a Prince accompanied the "Princess."

The College was well represented at other Royal functions, with a large number attending the Luncheon and several at the Royal Ball.

Recent rumours suggest that the College will be amalgamated with the National University. Should these be substantiated then there is nothing that could change the arrangements.

Students generally accept the fact that there are many advantages that could be gained from amalgamation.

However, general student opinion is against union with the young post-graduate institution. Students feel that a vigorous expression of student talent can only be found in an independent teaching University.

Association has always been sought with the A.N.U., but association and amalgamation are not synonymous.

Should the decision remain to be made, then it is earnestly hoped that those who have procrastinated so long will see the benefits that will be gained by the advent of an independent UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA.

TRIAL BY ORRDEAL

The urge to pun is as old as language. There are puns in Homer (in the Greek versions). Shakespeare was obsessed by them, and so, alas, is the student journalistic profession of Australia.

When, therefore, an individual with a name like Orr hit the headlines, the result was a foregone conclusion.

NEUCLEUS opined: "Orr was treated Orrfully."

HONI SOIT asked whether it was "Awe or Orr Aura?"

"A G-Orr-y Story" declared another journal, in what was perhaps the worst pun of the whole sad affair.

In a story announcing the appointment of patrons, including Professor Orr, to various societies, WORONI headed it, "Patrons Galoor."

Christians asked whether Orr had "orred" from the straight and narrow.

Some people consider that the Presbyterian Church stuck its Orr in.

Others would like a special enquiry ordered.

L'affaire Orr is wrapped in confusion, but one thing is sure.

PUNSTERS HAVE CERTAINLY STRUCK THE GOOD ORR.

One of the most strenuous sporting events of the year was held recently. This was in the form of an interstate bicycle race.

This event, which was the first of its kind in the history of the College, was promoted by the Narellan students.

The course was over local roads and went from Narellan to Queanbeyan (via the aerodrome) and back to Canberra (via the main road).

Only twelve of the many entrants completed the course.

One of the smaller contestants had to withdraw because of a severe attack of cramps.

The ultimate winner was "the Cootamundra Kid" (Colin MacAllister) who clocked 55 minutes 2 seconds. Tony May came in 50 seconds later and Geoff Roberts was third.

As competitors wished to preserve their amateur state their was no prize money. However, the outstanding success of the event could well result in it becoming an annual event.

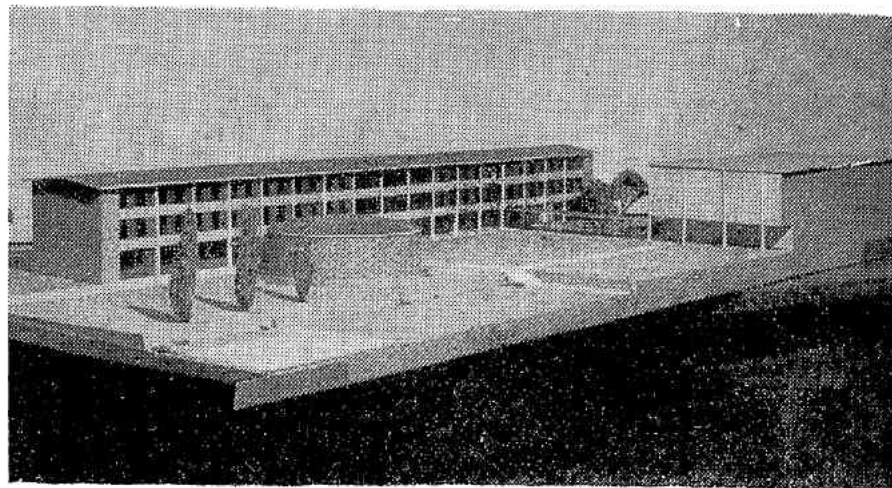
JAM . . .

One of the most immediate and tangible results of Mr. Khrushchev's visit to America has been the fact that for the first time since 1948 the Russians have stopped their "jamming" of the Voice of America broadcasts to the Soviet Union.

Jamming transmitters were gradually taken off the air throughout Tuesday and by evening when the Voice of America broadcasts were at maximum strength, there was no jamming and it was possible to hear the broadcasts all over Russia. Jamming of B.B.C. programmes continued at maximum strength.

It is of course too early to know if the cessation is to be permanent or whether it is merely a piece of opportunism at a time when the Voice of America might reasonably be expected to carry material emphasising the more positive and friendly aspects of Mr. Khrushchev's visit.

It will be recalled that the Russians called a similar "truce on the jamming of B.B.C. broadcasts" during the visit to Britain in 1956 of Mr. Khrushchev and Mr. Bulganin. Jamming was re-imposed some six months later at the outbreak of the Hungarian crisis. It will be interesting to see if the present freedom of the Voice of America broadcasts is allowed to continue after Mr. Khrushchev returns home, or at what stage it is re-imposed.



THE ARTS BUILDING

WORK BEGINS

The new Arts Building, of which the foundation stone is being laid to-day, will be built at a cost of a quarter of a million pounds.

The contract of the successful tenderers, S. R. Kennedy and Bird, was for £246,677.

COPPER ROOF

This magnificent edifice, which will grace the corner of University Avenue and Kingsley Street, will have a copper roof. With the completion of the Academy of Science, Copper rooves appear in vogue. Not only will the main building have a chopper roof, but the adjoining lecture theatre will also have a domed copper roof.

Staunch Adelaide Liberal In Labour

A staunch Liberal Party supporter was elected to the Committee of the University of Adelaide Labour Group at its annual general meeting the last week of last term.

Although not a publicly professed Liberal, Mr. I. G. Colyer, former S.R.C. treasurer, has strongly professed his political leanings in private.

Mr. Colyer intends to stand for the Liberal Union Committee at its annual general meeting.

The three-storey building will form the first side of the university courtyard. This courtyard should ultimately become a cross-roads of student activity and it is expected that by the time the Arts building nears completion the "courtyard" will be enclosed by the rising walls of further permanent buildings.

The spandrels between the columns of the building facing the courtyard will be filled with exposed aggregate panels. The end wall, which faces University Avenue, will have a facing of buff bricks.

On the ground floor a corridor the length of the building (320 feet) will have the monastic form of a cloister.

Lecture Theatre

The individual lecture theatre will be 55 feet in diameter and capable of seating 150 students. This building is included in the first stage of construction.

The architects responsible for these buildings are Bunning and Madden, of Sydney.

THE BUDGET

In presenting the estimates for 1959-60 the Treasurer (Mr. Holt) prefaced his speech by enlarging upon the healthy state of the Australian economy.

Wage Rise

The estimates gave taxation concessions to all. It also gave additional allowances to pensioners (both civil and military). Following upon the recent basic wage rise of 15/- THIS MEANS . . . that the average Australian is receiving £1 per week more than he was before.

The increased P.O. charges of 1d. on postage and phone calls will only slightly offset the concessions.

However, the inevitable result of this increased purchasing power will be increased demand and "adjusted" (higher) prices.

How then does THE STUDENT fare?

Very poorly! This "im-

provement" in the "average" man's position has placed the student in a situation where his money will buy less than before.

Not being a taxpayer nor a wage earner the student will fail to gain from either of the concessions. His real income has dropped, a fact manifested by the recent tariff rise at Narellan House.

The increased P.O. charges will also fall heavily upon the student. The budget made no allowance for increased or extended scholarship allowances. And what of the student without aid?

Indeed it seems that in these days of prosperity the student is doomed to penury . . . There is no escape! We must remain . . . Beatniks!!!



In this issue I wanted to say what I think of a certain Sunday newspaper, a certain publisher, and the S.R.C., but the editor would not let me. In future, "Woroni" articles are to be based on topics of general and stimulating interest and apparently sex is not one of them.

I'd like to congratulate the intellectual mammoth who immortalised himself by plonking both hooves into an area of freshly laid concrete outside the library. My only regret is that he didn't think to dip his head in it as well.

Despite the removal of a notice in the Common Room, the S.R.C. hasn't completely abandoned hope of locating a student having an I.Q. of 70 or even higher, and is still fairly confident that it will be able to refute the widely held belief that its policy has been responsible for the extinction of these people to the C.U.C.

The deficiency of benevolent humour in this column is now to be rectified in a eulogy of the life and soul of the common room — "Mr. X."

When the telephone booth has a roof, up climbs "X" and shoves both his feet through it, and when it has a new window he fixes that, too. "X" organises "RAGS," but rings the police first. "X" has a radiogram and dispenses culture to the whole corridor when general meetings crop up, so does "X", and bleats, and bleats and bleats. "X" can assess the chastity of any person leaving the common room before he gets as far as the library. "X" boozes, but alcohol doesn't affect him nowadays. "X" writes "hot articles" and jumps down the editor's throat for publishing them. "X" is intelligent. "X" bludges weeds. "X" is growing a beard.

Dear old "X"!!!

—ANGRY YOUNG MAN.

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A Producer for the Revue.

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C. Mackerras
President.

To commemorate the laying of the Arts Building foundation stone.

WORONI

Monday, 12th October, 1959

EDITORIAL

Many may be surprised to see this issue of Woroni. Some may even ask why. "Why?" However, this modest news sheet does aim at several things.

Firstly, it is to commemorate a milestone in the history of the University. Indeed, to-day is an occasion for optimism, for the foundation stone is to be laid for our first permanent building.

However, there are other reasons for this reduced issue. Chiefly to blame is the proximity of the annual examinations. Without them this could have been a monster edition.

With a permanent building the University also requires a permanent and stable mouthpiece. Woroni aims to be that. It is not an ignoble and short-lived rag. May it survive to become a mature and virile organ of news and opinion.

To that end Woroni appeals to the College for a new staff for 1960. An editor and a large team of assistants are required. May they be forthcoming so that Woroni can record student days to posterity.

OUR FUTURE

Some Student Opinions:

Brett Odgers:

The situation is now that of Canberra having an undergraduate University without appearing to have one. Over recent years the people of Canberra and the south and south-east regions of N.S.W., as well as Melbourne University, have called in vain for the conferring of full status on the College.

There should be no doubt that the future of the College lies in the partial association, on a lecturing level, with certain sections of the A.N.U. Yet the undergraduate body cannot but have its own aegis. "University of Canberra."

The Prime Minister's decision on this question is long overdue, for upon it surely depend answers to current problems of progress. Buildings are being erected for us at the rear of the A.N.U. area, yet hardly at the rate foreshadowed by the Murray Committee; and we've not yet been told how the institution is to fit in with the concept of the national capital, Canberra.

The approaches of one or two considerate benefactors could force the issue, as well as, say, providing a Law School building. I presume the interests of College law students is being given adequate deliberation by the high authorities.

Chris Jay:

I feel that autonomy will attract many more students to the College and help put us on the map with other universities. Since the A.N.U. and Melbourne won't have us, autonomy is the only alternative. We have the numbers, we have the teaching standards, we have one of the best staffs in Australia and one of the best exam records. There is no reason why we cannot emulate New England University in northern N.S.W., which has earned a very good reputation since it got its independence.

A particular advantage will be the chance to wipe out some of the more fantastic of the Melbourne curriculum requirements. The most notorious is the language requirement, which has spawned the subject French IA, for those who must pass French but can't, but there are many others.

Bob Reece:

1960 is going to be the crucial year in the development of the C.U.C. and the obvious way to ensure development is to attract more students.

Firstly, and most important of all, students must be provided with cheap accommodation that can compete with that of other universities. Until the Hall of Residence is completed, presumably "early in 1961," Narellan House is the only definite source of accommodation and it is definitely not cheap. The principal has stated that students may receive second preference at the Acton Guest House in 1960 and that the College "is prepared to advertise for private board." None of these provisions would be adequate, even if they were definite. Narellan House may be able to accommodate another 30 students next year, but no further extensions to the building are planned.

Armidale University offers subsidised accommodation at £3/5- per week, almost half the Narellan tariff. To attend the C.U.C. is to make a financial sacrifice.

Secondly, what is the academic status of the College? What degree will one receive on completion of a course? And most important of all, what is going to happen to this year's science students if autonomy is not achieved by the beginning of next year?

In short, no one could conscientiously recommend the C.U.C. to a potential student who cares for the future and his pocket.

Changes in Japan

(Stu. M.)—The emperor system is unnecessary and should be abolished, in the opinion of 46 per cent of university students polled recently in Tokyo. This is in marked contrast with a similar survey of Tokyo University students in December, 1945, that has shown only six per cent opposed to the emperor system at that time.

Assistant Professor Rokuro Hidaka of the Press Institute of Tokyo University, conducted the recent poll among 467 students from Tokyo University, Tokyo Women's College and Ochanomizu Women's University.

'AUSTRALIAN ACCENT'

By Douglas Pringle

The author of the book is a Scotsman who, for five years, was editor of the Sydney Morning Herald. Australian Accent contains Mr. Pringle's impressions of the Australian Nation and, more particularly, the Australian people. Much insight to some recent political affairs, tastes in literature, culture, etc. have been obtained from a close association with the press and, as one might expect, the style is quite lucid.

Mr. Pringle lays open many of the "behind the scenes" activities of current affairs in Australia as well as a well-informed impression of development along other lines such as the structure of Australian society, culture, poetry, etc. The chapter, "Santamaria, Santamaria" give a particularly good introduction to the Groupist movement within the A.L.P. as does the chapter on "Politics and Politicians" give an insight to some of the lesser known aspects of democratic government.

IN 1956 . . .

SCIENCE

A science faculty was founded, and headed by five leading scientists, departments of Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Physics and Zoology function efficiently. Not only has this extended the activity of the College but it has also helped to enlarge and strengthen the number and nature of our student body.

The new S.R.C. has been led by Colin Mackerras and much has been achieved by them. One of the most important but less publicised reforms of the S.R.C. was the adoption of a new constitution. The Sports Council did not manage to stir this year and the S.R.C. has been forced to carry on for this virtually defunct body.

COMMON ROOM

With increased student members the common room has seen more people in it this year than ever before. Up until this term the common room has seldom been anything but crowded. To mark the increased use the formerly drab walls, dirty curtains and dull posters were replaced at the end of second term by a more modern decor.

SPORT

Women's and men's hockey teams played in the competition throughout the year with varying degrees of success.

A tennis club was formed with an active executive, and when the necessary task of repairing the courts was completed the enthusiastic band was able to reap their reward.

A much publicised football club was formed and had a successful year. Playing in the Reserve Grade competition, the team was in fifth place on the ladder at the end of the season.

NARELLAN

Narellan House had to be enlarged to cope with the influx of students from outside. It is a vigorous and interesting source of student activity. Day by day the College is stirred by the doings of some of its identities. However, an independent survey conducted recently found no evidence of the orgies previously reported elsewhere — it is not a den of sin.

TEACHER TRAINEES

Economic stimulus has given the College an active group of 27 teacher trainees. During the year this group formed a unit of the N.S.W. Teachers' Federation. Bob Reece has at times almost incited riot among them and made representations on their behalf to the Department of Education authorities in Sydney.

But it is not a book devoted solely to political and current affairs. As Mr. Pringle points out at the beginning, he has omitted several important topics which, he frankly admits, do not interest him greatly. Rather, he sets out to give the impression of the "Australian way of life." And it is this impression, so well gathered together, that makes the book interesting. The author has made every endeavour to rid people's minds of the misconstrued conception that this "Australian way of life" is one largely of wide open spaces, sheep stations, drovers and a pronounced country drawl. The majority of the Australian people, he points out, lives in cities and towns — on the rim of the continent — and it is this aspect of Australia that he has so ably portrayed.

To all who are interested in the structure of society in Australia and general character of the Australian people, their tastes and their habits, this book should make interesting reading.

This book is obtainable at all book sellers, price 22/6. —S.C.F.H.

WHY PEGAWAI?

Those who lack the instinct in their nature that makes men explore trackless deserts for the heck of it, will not be interested in this.

"This" is the Pegawai Scheme — under which volunteer graduates go to Indonesia to assist in the technical and social reconstruction of that country.

It's Aims

The aim of the scheme in brief is "to promote understanding and good relationships by sending to Indonesia trained Australians to work on a basis of equality with Indonesians."

In practice this means that, having been accepted by the Indonesian Government for employment — (whatever your field — science, education, or engineering, etc.) — the Australian Government pays your fare there and certain minor allowances (e.g. a bicycle). Once there you work as any other Indonesian, eating Indonesian food, living on Indonesian pay (not very high), making Indonesian friends . . .

Why should anyone want to go off for a year or two to a strange land, perhaps leaving behind more lucrative prospects in Australia?

STUDENTS WILL DIG

Stu. M.)—In mid-July, four hundred students of the United Arab Republic gathered for two weeks at a youth camp on the Suez Canal to help with the work of widening the canal. Further groups of students will later relieve them in fortnightly shifts.

According to press announcements from the United Arab Republic, the students have set themselves the goal of removing 100,000 cubic metres of earth in two months.

The Winter Moon

Long ere the last leaf fell, a torn and tattered remnant of the winter wind,
And long since the mournful cry of soaring lark
Drifted far across the ravaged sky,
From the blackness of a starry night appeared the winter moon.
Gone, the sumptuous gold of an autumn evening,
The russet hedge, the warmth and shelter of a leafy copse
From whose repose, and tangled thicket
Poured forth the tuneful strains of speckled thrush.
As weariness descends, a prelude of night's approach,
And intermingling shadows slowly fade,
Dim from the twilight water's shaggy edge,
Arose a glimmer of the winter moon.

—T. May.

Spirited Stand

Many people heaved a sigh of relief when the recent basic wage rise was announced. However, the sigh turned into a rumble and a grumble amongst an important sector of our community.

The sector referred to is the body of Teachers' College Scholarship holders, many of whom live at Narellan and thus became victims of the traditional result of the basic wage increase, a rise of tariff. Many Narellanites will not be unduly affected by the tariff increase. Part-timers and those full-timers who hold cadetships in Statistics can bear it fairly comfortably.

But to the trainee teachers who are expected to live on £2/10/- a week the increase means disaster.

Quickly sizing up the situation, energetic Bob Reece took the initiative and wrote to the Department of Education.

Upon the receipt of this letter the Department sent an officer, Mr. Orkney, to Canberra.

Mr. Orkney did three things about the matter:

- Examined the situation;
• Addressed the trainees; and
• Issued a report.

The Department received Mr. Orkney's report and with commendable promptitude decided not to adopt it.

As a result of this action, Mr. Reece then wrote to the Teachers' Federation for assistance.

Organiser

The Federation could not help the trainees until they joined that organisation, but they sent a Federation organiser, Mr. Hilling, to Canberra.

Mr. Hilling did four things:

- He examined the situation;
• Addressed the trainees;
• Formed a new unit of the Federation; and

• Sent a report to the Federation in Sydney.

However, while he was in Canberra Mr. Hilling found that many people, including apprentices, receive extra allowances.

Many people have commented on this important situation and most feel that the claims are genuine.

When asked to comment, one of the trainees concerned issued the following statement to our Special Correspondent: "We feel that we have a watertight claim. We are not as well off as trainees at Armidale University or as those in primary Teachers' Colleges.

Intelligent?

"We consider ourselves as intelligent and necessary members of the community. Our future services will be vital to the nation.

"In return we demand a decent standard of living and we cannot achieve such a standard if we are required to subsist on the mere pittance left after our board is paid.

"We will support our cause to the end."

The teacher trainees were unanimous in electing Bob Reece as their delegate to the Annual Conference of the Teachers' Federation in August.

Mr. Reece spoke at the conference. The result was that the Federation has approached the Minister over the matter of providing subsidised accommodation for Canberra students.

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TENNIS

The C.U.C. Tennis Club expects a greatly increased volume of business now that the football and hockey clubs have ceased operations for the year.

The Club already has twenty-five members, and is in a good financial position. The surface of the courts has been restored, and the clubhouse has been cleaned out.

Cost of subscription is £1.